THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Samuel - T - Gilliam
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Died Thursday Dec 11. 1947
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I have heard Several Speaking of
Sending there Boys out [illegible] institution
But Dont Know wheather they will or
not If you will do yr Best it will
Be the making of you I know

There are so few Colored people that
know any thing or have any knowledge
that are the Reason that I want you
to be Lither Different from that as
when you be coming a man if you should Live
you would be an honour to yself
& your parrent too

you have never said any thing about how
they Send the Sabbath day at the
College be sure to say your prayers
Every night and morning Send me
which kind of Religion they have
the institution

write about one Letter a month will
Be bout Right

Your mother & Jane Sends in Love
To you All for your well doing &c
dont you pay in the Letters that you send
me put them in the office without paying I
will pay for them my self Keep what
money you have for other things &c

I Remains your Affectional Father as
Ever &c &c

Jn Armo[illegible]

Answer first July

Do the Best you Can
Let me know All things

& most of the furniture was new, two bed rooms had parsonage furniture. In the sitting room up stairs was the sofa in K. V. guest room, the table in K. V. hall the [illegible] table in K. V " " Book case & desk (now Lee) large rocking chair (now Ll.) mahogany table divan — mahogany chairs strait & chairs in hall at K. V. down stairs reception room, large mahogany table & parsonage furniture — Mr & Mrs Mitchell's bed room bureau & chest of draws (now Ll.) chair given Spencer (& Miss Johnson-D Day) table in Alma's room at K. V. Mrs Mrs bed room furniture except two rockers — kitchen room given away — furniture in Mr Leach room in guest room at St. G. belonged to Parsonage. dining room table was sold in Hatfield when the one that has was bought. sideboard (given Ll.) Kitchen chairs in K. V. were dining room at St. G..

Important

Industry

Industry is a great and noble quality, which every person ought to posess in order to be happy, and usefull to themselves and to others. The industrious man, wether he is a farmer, mechanic, or a proffesional man is to be honored for his noble quality of industry. You will find him with his hands or mind, constantly employed in doing something, for the good of mankind. Industry is the noblest natural quality which man possesses. The industrious class of people have been and now are the most useful, and are the means of doing the most good to mankind in general, of any class of people which ever existed upon the face of the Earth. It is through the industry of the industrious, that we are made acquainted with many arts and sciences throughout our land. It is also through their industry that the many inventions and improvements throughout the world have been made. The art of printing, reading and writing; and the invention of the use of steam, the telegraph; and the many other improvements which I might mention, are the work of industry. And in fact we are indebted to industry for all the comforts of this life. Therefore if industry is so great and noble quality as this; then let my occupation be what it may, I will endeavour to be industrious

John H Arnott.

Composition
(3)
John H Arnold

U S Iron Clad Onadaga
Off New port News
April 26th 1864

My Dear Wife I write this informing you that we are at the above named place all safe and sound we arrived here last Saturday night on our way we experienced some very heavy weather we can see the shores of Virginia on both sides ~~but~~ we are not near enough to discern anything we stopped one day at Fortress Monroe I suppose you have got the letter I sent to you from the Navy yard last Sunday week ago the 17th and on Monday the 18th the same day we left I wrote to William Stiver asking him to superintend the fixing your mothers house or he could do it himself as good as any one and if [illegible]

him you woula pay him or I woula see him paia you neea not go to any, pear expense but mak it comfortable I am very sorry that you haa to move but try ana be as contentea as you can get some one to spade up the garden ana get some chickens so you can raise a few I woula like you to get a Turkey Egg for Paul ana sit it under a hen and tell Paul he must raise ana fat ona Turkey for his Pop ana it will be something for him I think I will be able to relish on when I come home proviaing God will be so Mereifull as to spare me ana you ana the Dear Children get a few Currant & Gooseberry bushes but you know what to do better than I can tell you we can see the shores of Virginia but we are not near Enough to discern anything Gen Butlers forces are

not very far from us the Rebs are on both sides of us we are daily looking for the Rebel Rams to come down I do not know how long we will stay here or what is the order of business yet I commencea a letter to you sunday but dia not finish it in time for the mail Boat ana yesterday we were busy all day I cannot sena you any very important news but I will write soon again I suppose we will lay out in the stream for two weeks perhaps write to me as soon as you get this ana inform me whether you have got the three letters that I sent to Flemington thinking you was there ana tell how you you have maae out with your interest money I woula like you to sena me a three dollar Green back if you have on to spare not without you are actually certain that you can spare it =

we heard considerable Cannonading yesterday afternoon we heard it very plain but did not know where it was Give my respects to all enquiring friends tell them I am well Direct your letter thus

John H Arnold
U S Steamer Onandaga.
Hampton Roads or Elsewhere
Fireman's Department

write it plain or get some one in the Store to direct it (be sure and put Hampton Roads or Elsewhere) on it Give my love to Mother Millie Annie Grand Pepa Grand Mother William Johny James Hiram Anna Patty and Isaac and all tell Paul his papa often thinks of him and now Emma do the best you can perhaps the time will not be long in passing write as soon as you get this and tell me the news I Remain Your loving Husband John H Arnold

A kiss for you Paul & Adelia the dear baby Jewel

Direct my letters as plain as you can

Tell Willie I will be home one of these days and all things will be right again Has Pane Good Shoes and how is your Shoes My respects to all

U. S. Ship North Carolina
March 6th 1864

My Dear Wife I received your two letters one dated March 1st and the other dated March 3d I was very glad to hear that you are all well and I hope you and the children will continue in good health It makes me feel rejoiced to hear from home and to know that you are all well I have not been on board the Onadaga since I wrote last nor have I heard when she is going out My work will not be so hard as you think for I have been informed that our crew get one quarter more pay than the rest of the vessels but it is only a report I do not vouch for the truth of it then I heard yesterday that after all the crew got on board they was to have Five dollars a piece and forty eight hours liberty if that should be the case I will come home but I do not put any faith in the report but I hope they they will prove true That Miss Cunningham that you saw in New York was a girl about ten or twelve years old when I was at McGranville at School if it is the one

that ago there she was not at the College she and her Brothers & Sisters were at a primary School I would not know her now if I should see her I do not think In my last I wrote for you to send me a few Postage Stamps in your next if you had any spare change as I want them to take to sea with me but do not scant yourself in change we cannot get Stamps on board the Ship without paying five cents a piece I saw Ambrose Berry here and I did not know him he was here about three weeks I do not think he knew me I thought I recognised his Countanance but I could not place him untill last night then it came in my mind he he was gone then he was drafted for the Gunboat Chenango which lays out in the Stream now ready for sea My work is petty easy now and has been for the last six weeks I am Steward of a mess of men
Mr Belain has been very sick with diptheria So he has not been able to come over here since last Wednesday night one week ago Consequently we have no Meetings now he is getting better now we have not many arrivals of Colored men at present The Commander of the Receiving Ship don't

Carolina is a brother to Genl Meade Commander of the Army of the Potomac And now Emiline it is drawing on to the First of April and you must have your plans and account arranged so you will know what to do I think you had better be calculating your account You had better leave the Butchers account untill I come home and just pay Fulpers Loakin Wills and Dr Wykoffs and Dr Schenk and then you will not have no more money left then you will need to make the thing certain you must keep enough out while you have the mony in your hands for I do not know how the arrangement will be about the Draw Bill yet You must be sure and get all the interest mony and do not — forget the balance that remains of the order of Saml McIntyre which is Fifteen Dollars. The rest of my Bills if they say anything to you tell them that perhaps I will be home on a leave of absence this Spring and I will attend to them I want you to be certain and make yourself safe first for we do not know what may turn up a word to the wise is sufficient You must get Sam or Vanniesse to repair the house Mention the matter to Sam

After you Pay Tulper you can Keep a little account at the Store off and on So you need not be Spending your Mony all the time and if you See Mr Tulper give My respects to him tell I often think of him and you must not forget the name of My vessel, Onadagua It is an Iron Clad Monitor by taking the N.Y. Tribune you might be able to keep track of her While I am writing this the Men are Enjoying themselves in Singing hymns this is a Splendid day and My Mind is wandering home and I wish I was there. Tell Paul he must take good care of Prince and keep him untill ~~I come home if God should spare me~~ through his Mercies which I hope and pray he will if you See Doctor Wile give My respects to him When you write tell me if Laura Stives said whether Roxana Walker said anything about My being in the Navy take good care of yourself and the dear little Children have you ascertained whether you were in the way you thought if it is so it was not My will but God does all for the best. I do not want you to be doing any hard work. Give My Love to Grand Father Grand Mother tell them I often think of them and Aunt Polly & Uncle Isaac I will write to James Stives in a few days I will mention about the house of your Mothers just write and let me know whether your Mother has said anything to him or him to her about the house I Remain Your True & loving Husband John H. [illegible]